

## Objective 3: Reduce low birth weight (LBW) births

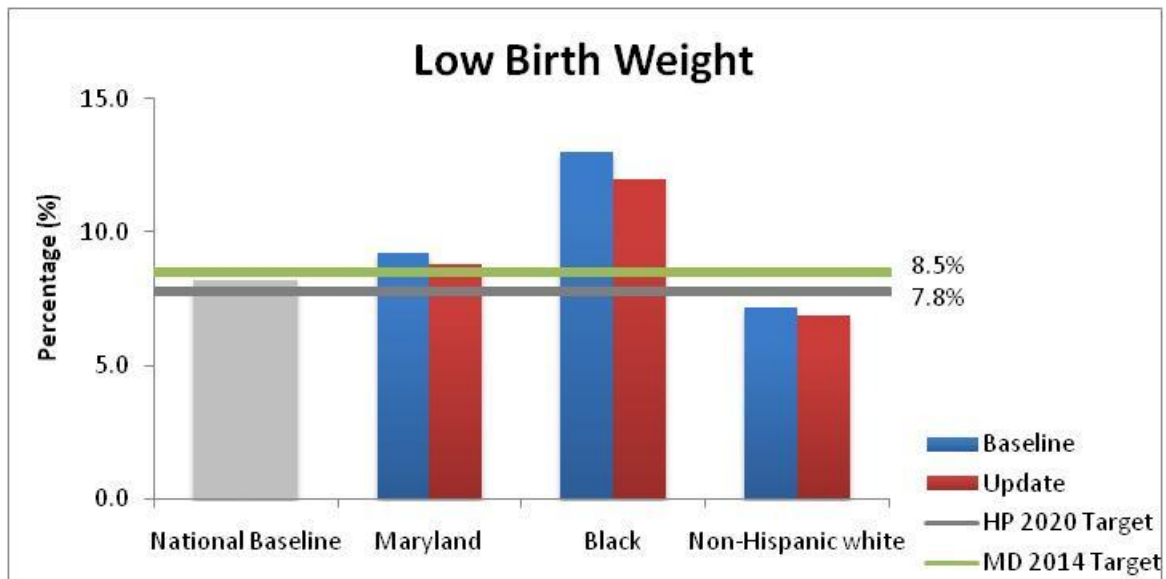
Babies born with a low birth weight are at increased risk for serious health consequences including disabilities and death. LBW infants weigh less than 2,500 grams (5.5 pounds). Maryland's LBW percentage is higher than the national average.



Update Summary: On track or meeting the Maryland 2014 Target

### Statistics and Goals

Measure: Percentage of births that are low birth weight (2500 grams or less)



National Data Source: Healthy People 2020, National Vital Statistics System

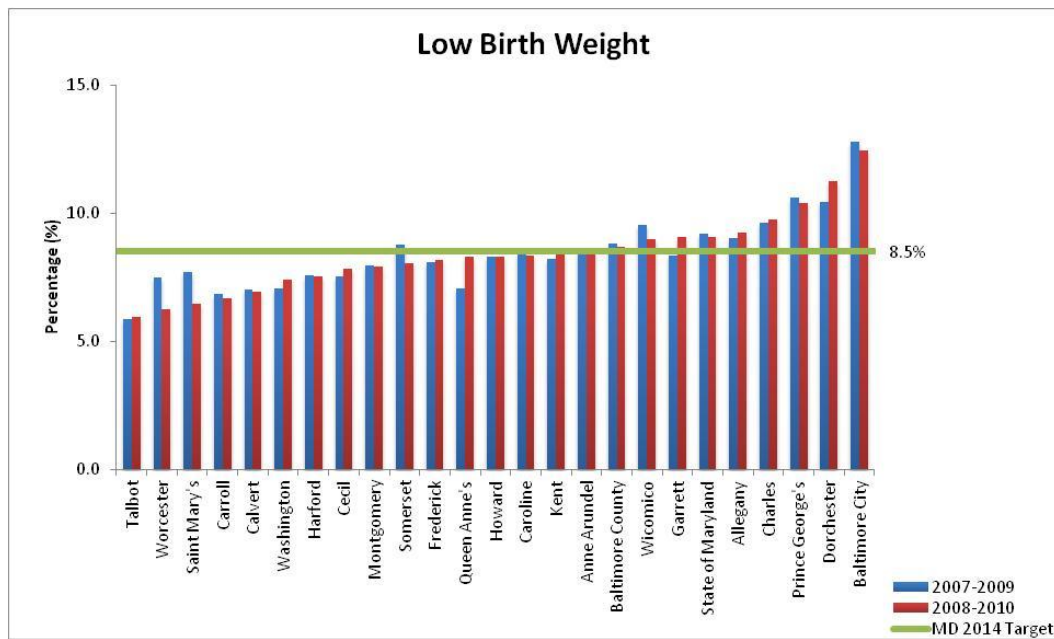
Maryland Data Source: Maryland DHMH Vital Statistics Administration

National Baseline	Maryland SHIP	Year	Total	Black	NH White	SHIP 2014 Target
8.2 (2007)	Baseline	2009	9.2	13.0	7.0	8.5
	Update	2010	8.8	12.0	6.9	

## Objective 3: Reduce the Percent of Low Births Weight

### Local-Level Data

Measure: Percentage of births that are low birth weight - 2500 grams or less



Data Source: Maryland DHMH Vital Statistics Administration

County	2007-2009	2008-2010
<b>State of Maryland</b>	9.2	9.1
Allegany	9.0	9.2
Anne Arundel	8.5	8.5
Baltimore City	12.8	12.5
Baltimore County	8.8	8.7
Calvert	7.0	6.9
Caroline	8.4	8.4
Carroll	6.8	6.7
Cecil	7.6	7.8
Charles	9.6	9.8
Dorchester	10.4	11.3
Frederick	8.1	8.2
Garrett	8.4	9.1
Harford	7.6	7.6
Howard	8.3	8.3
Kent	8.2	8.4
Montgomery	8.0	7.9
Prince George's	10.6	10.4
Queen Anne's	7.0	8.3
Saint Mary's	7.7	6.5
Somerset	8.8	8.1
Talbot	5.9	5.9

County	2007-2009	2008-2010
Washington	7.1	7.4
Wicomico	9.5	9.0
Worcester	7.5	6.3

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Data Details	
<u>National Data</u>	
Source	Healthy People 2020, National Vital Statistics System (NVSS), CDC, NCHS
Year	2007
<u>Maryland Data</u>	
Source	Maryland DHMH Vital Statistics Administration
Year	
Baseline	2009
Update	2010
Calculation	
Numerator	Number of babies born <2500 grams
Denominator	Number of live births
Population source	Maryland DHMH Vital Statistics Administration
Single year method	$(x/y) * 100$
Combined year method	Total number of LBW babies divided by total number of births
<u>Notes</u>	
Race/ethnicity	Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately. Data for persons of Hispanic origin are included in the data for each race group according to self-reported race except whites. Rates for non-Hispanic whites are reported. Hispanic rates include all deaths to persons of Hispanic origin of any race.
Censoring	
Origin	Data obtained from the DHMH Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Lee Hurt, 5/30/12
Other	---